ECSTASY: hearts

" MOM ONCE TOLD ME
THAT LOVE COMES IN THE MOST
NATURAL WAY "

NATURAL WAY.

" THAT I SHOULD NOT SEARCH FOR IT...

..BUT LET LOVE FIND ME INSTEAD."

MANAGER KIM, DURING HIS ELEMENTARY DAYS HAD NO FRIENDS AND WAS BULLIED. HE WAS A BOOKWORM, OR SOME CALL IT "NERD" JUST LIKE ME.

ME ON THE OTHER HAND, ASIDE FROM BEING CALLED "NERD", WAS BULLIED BECAUSE I HAD *"IT"* WHEN I WAS ELEMENTARY. MY BODY MATURED EARLIER COMPARED TO NORMAL GIRLS.

YOONG-JI IN HIS MIDDLE SCHOOL
BECAME POPULAR TO GIRLS.
BUT BECAUSE OF HIS POPULARITY,
NO GUY WOULD WANT TO
BEFRIEND HIM.

I HAD THE SAME SITUATION AS HIM IN MY MIDDLE SCHOOL DAYS. NO GIRLS WOULD WANT TO MINGLE WITH ME BUT AT THAT TIME, I WAS ALREADY USED TO BEING ALONE.

MAYBE BECAUSE OF THE

SIMILARITIES WE HAD,
IT WASN'T HARD FOR US TO
UNDERSTAND AND FEEL
EACH OTHER'S PAIN.

OUR PATHS NEVER
CROSSED EVEN ONCE
UNTIL THAT ONE TIME.

I MET HIM FIVE MONTHS AGO IN MY FATHER'S FITNESS GYM IN KYOTO.

AT FIRST, I FIND HIM SO ANNOYING. NOT BECAUSE OF HIS PERSONALITY BUT BECAUSE OF HIS LOOKS.

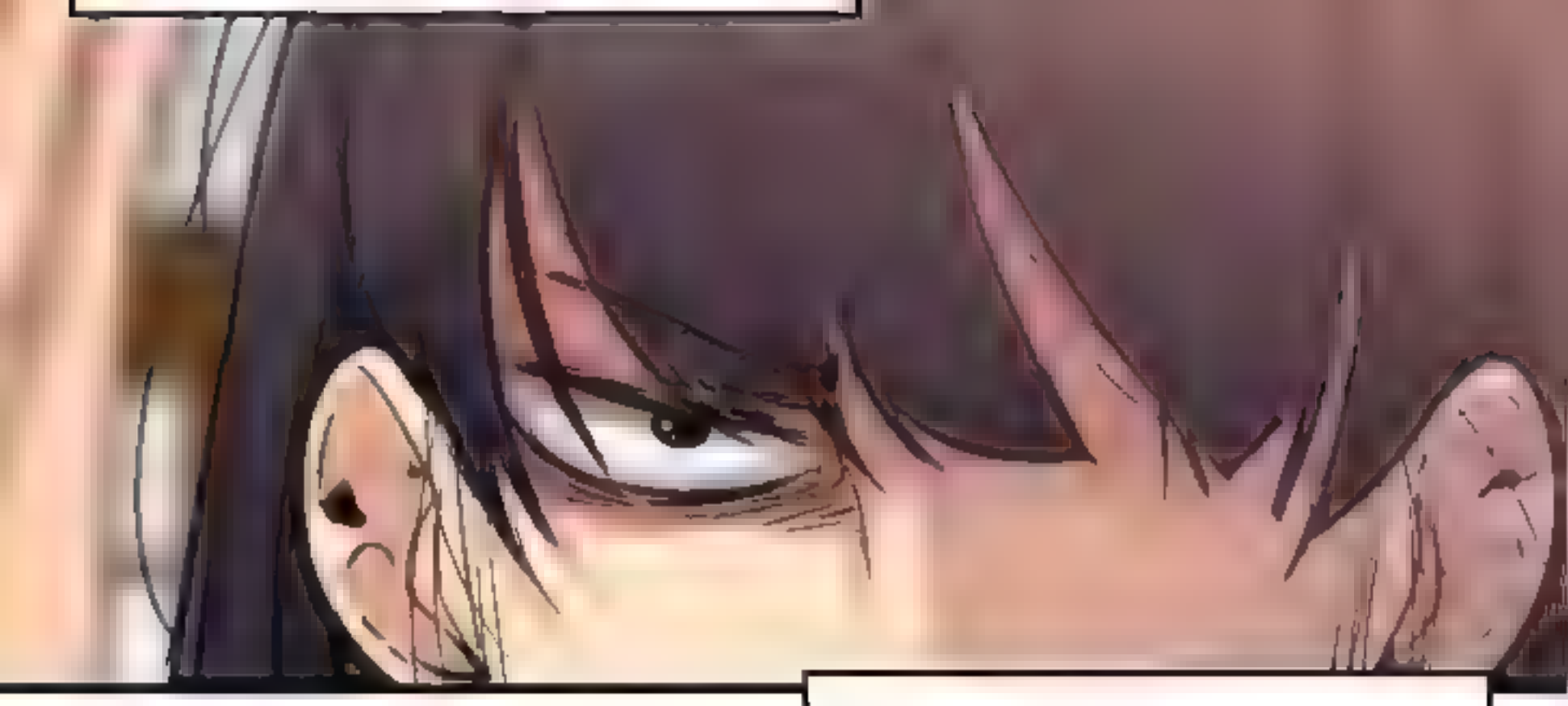
HE'S A GENTLEMAN.
JUST BY THE WAY HE TALKS,
I CAN FEEL HIS SINCERITY.
IT DID NOT TOOK LONG FOR ME TO

GET COMFORTABLE AROUND HIM.

OUR FRIENDSHIP STARTED AS GYM PARTNERS. HE WAS THE ONE WHO TRAINED ME DURING THOSE MONTHS I WAS PREPARING FOR MY MATCH AGAINST AXEL.

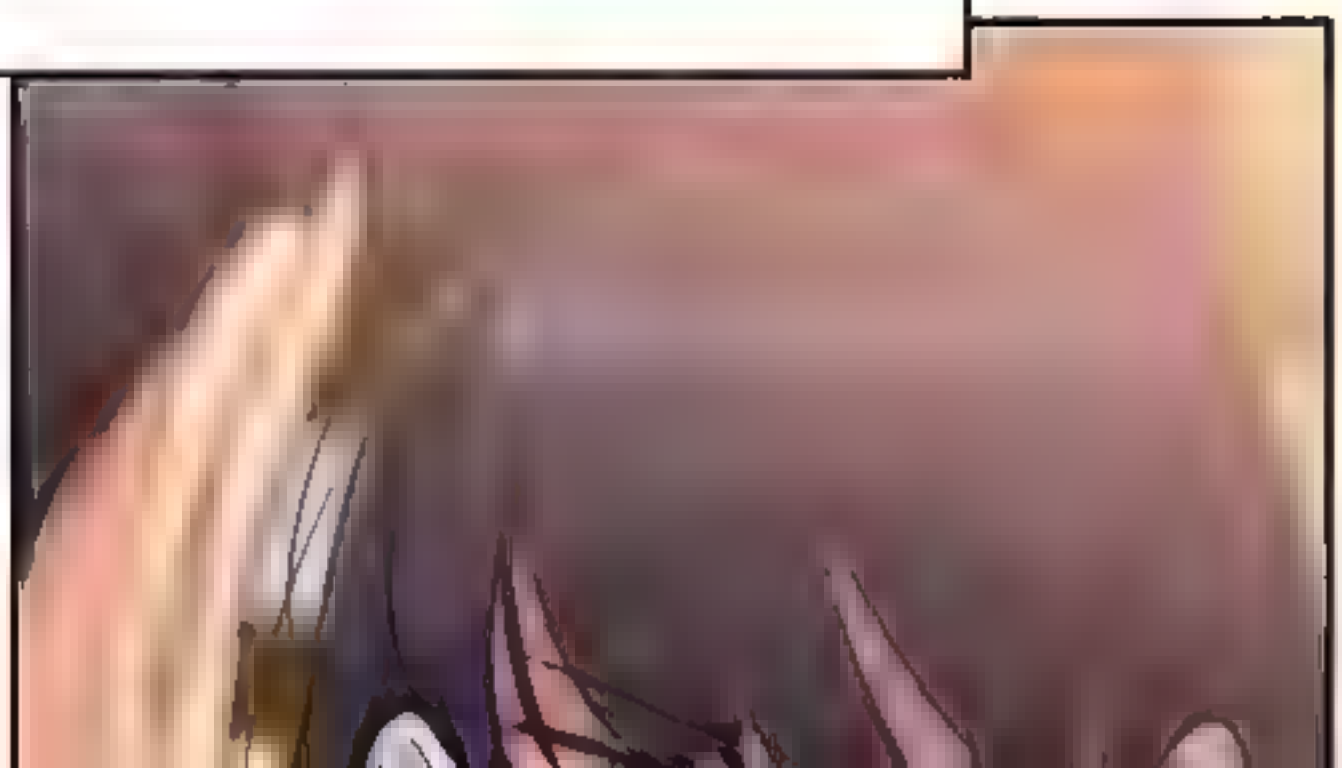
I THOUGHT WE COULD KEEP THAT SECRET FOR LONG BUT..

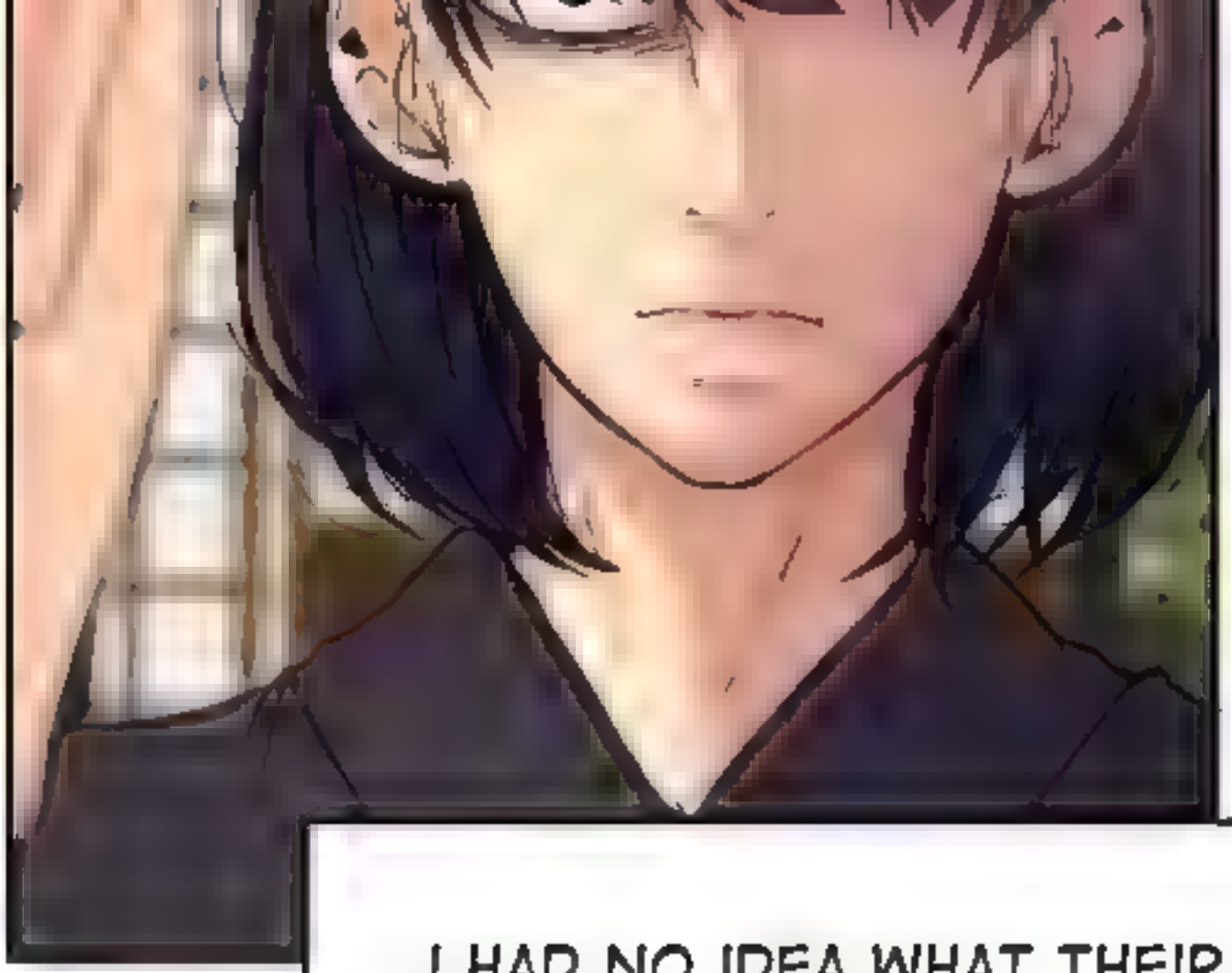
..AFTER MOM DISCOVERED MY GYM PARTNER WAS A GUY,



..SHE LITERALLY SUMMONED KIM YOONG-JI TO OUR HOUSE.

MOM'S WORST ENEMY ARE MEN WITH PERFECT LOOKS. JUST LIKE AXEL, KIM YOONG-JI FACED THE QUEEN OF ALL.





I HAD NO IDEA WHAT THEIR CONVERSATION WAS ABOUT BUT I WAS SURPRISED MOM ALLOWED HIM TO VISIT ME AT HOME.

AND THE MOST UNBELIEVABLE THING HAPPENED.

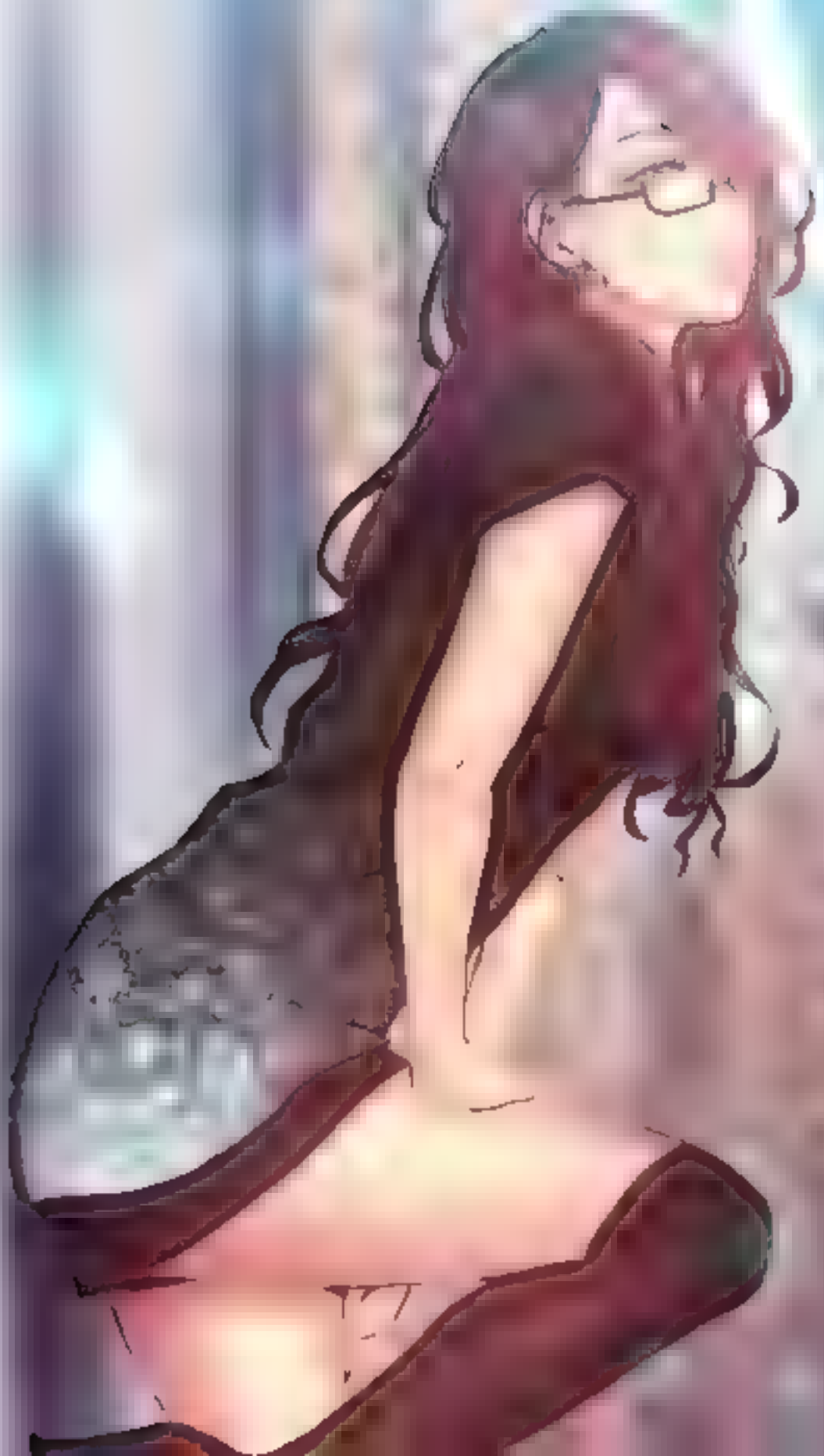
MANAGER KIM WAS
ABLE TO MOVE MY SISTER
QUINN, WHICH I THOUGHT WAS
IMPOSSIBLE FOR ANY
GUY TO DO.
QUINN LIKED HIM SO MUCH.

QUINN IS THE MOST SPECIAL
AMONGST US.
SHE HAS THIS ABILITY
TO JUDGE A PERSON BY
LOOKING AT HIS EYES.
THEY SAY, " OUR EYES IS
THE WINDOW TO OUR SOUL."

MAYBE THAT
WAS THE TURNING POINT
WHICH MADE MOM TRUST
MANAGER KIM.

AFTER THAT,
SHE GAVE ME
HER APPROVAL TO
WORK AS A MODEL
UNDER MANAGER KIM.

AND SO I DID.



MANAGER KIM
MADE ME FEEL THAT
I AM THE MOST
BEAUTIFUL GIRL IN
THE WORLD.

YOONG JI KIM

NAME: YOONG-JI KIM
AGE: 20

FOUNDER AND MANAGER OF
G&G MODELING COMPANY

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"SCANDAL"

DID SUMIRE ASKED YOU TO DO THIS!?

I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT.

DON'T PLAY DUMB WITH ME!

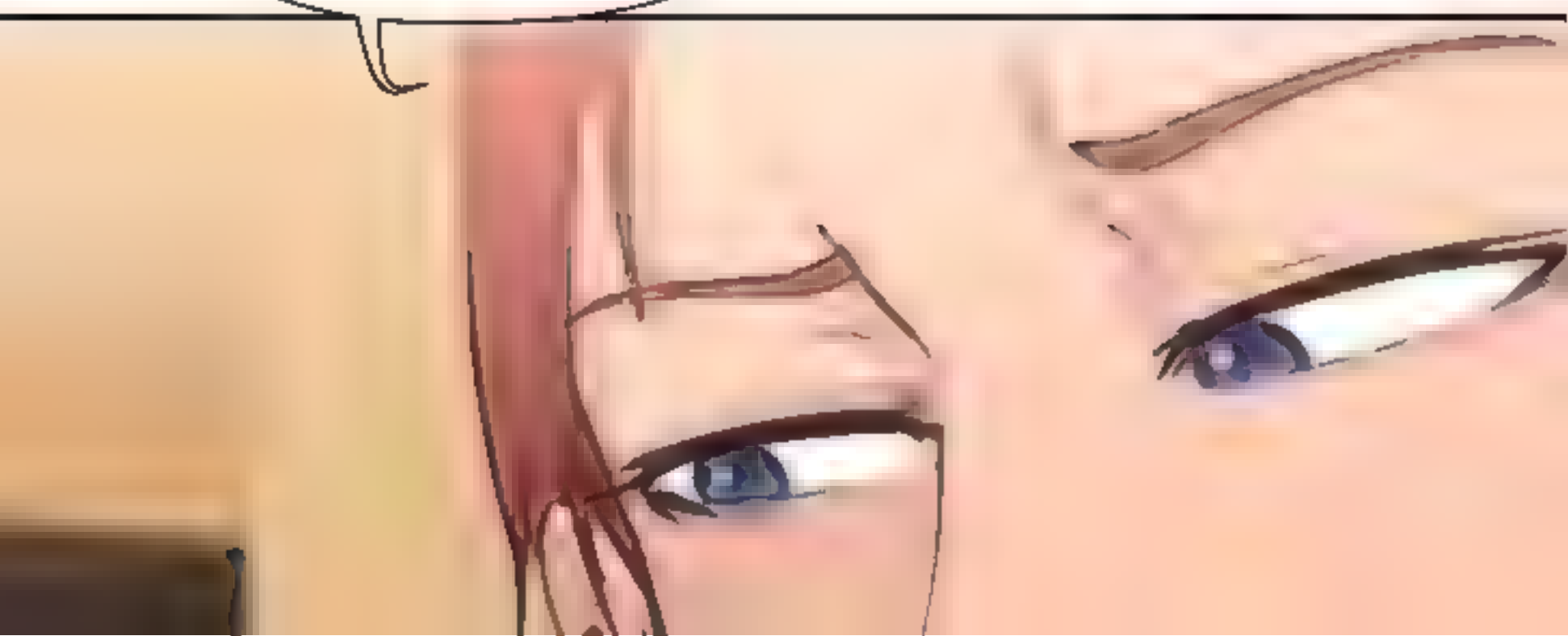
AXEL,
NOT NOW PLEASE
WHAT DO YOU
WANT!?

CAN YOU
PLEASE STOP MAKING
A SCENE HERE!?

YOU THINK
I CARE!?

WAKE UP ANYA.
THESE PEOPLE ARE
SCHEMING BEHIND
YOUR BACK!

I KNOW I DID
SOMETHING WRONG.

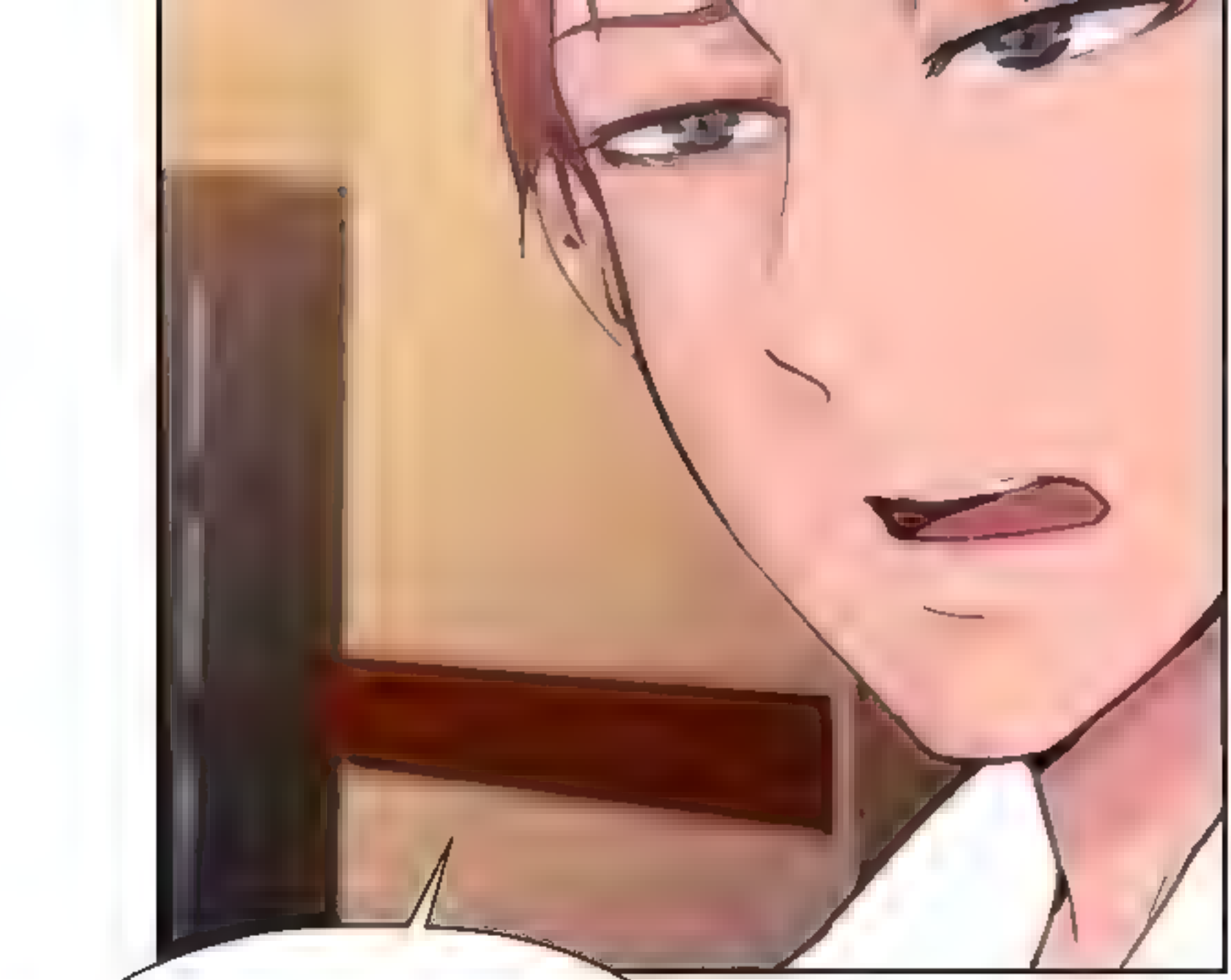


BUT BELIEVE ME THIS GUY IS USING YOU!

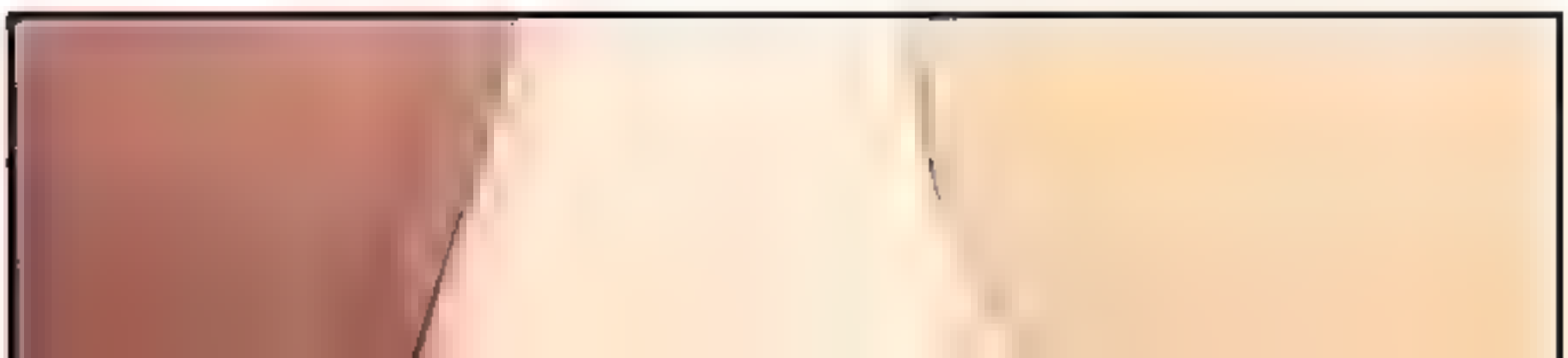
YOU'RE ONE TO TALK.

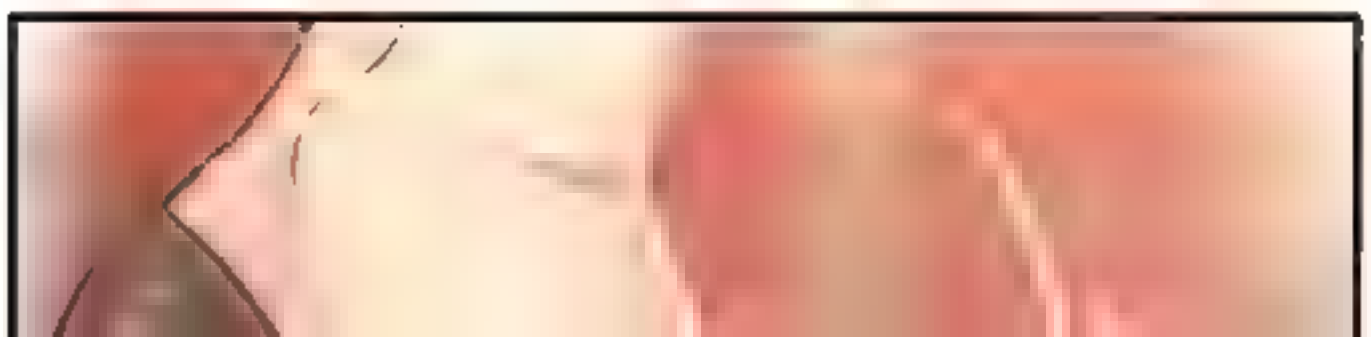
GET YOUR HANDS OFF ME.

WHAT ARE YOU ASSH*L*S SCHEMING THIS TIME?



WHAT DO YOU WANT FROM ANYA?



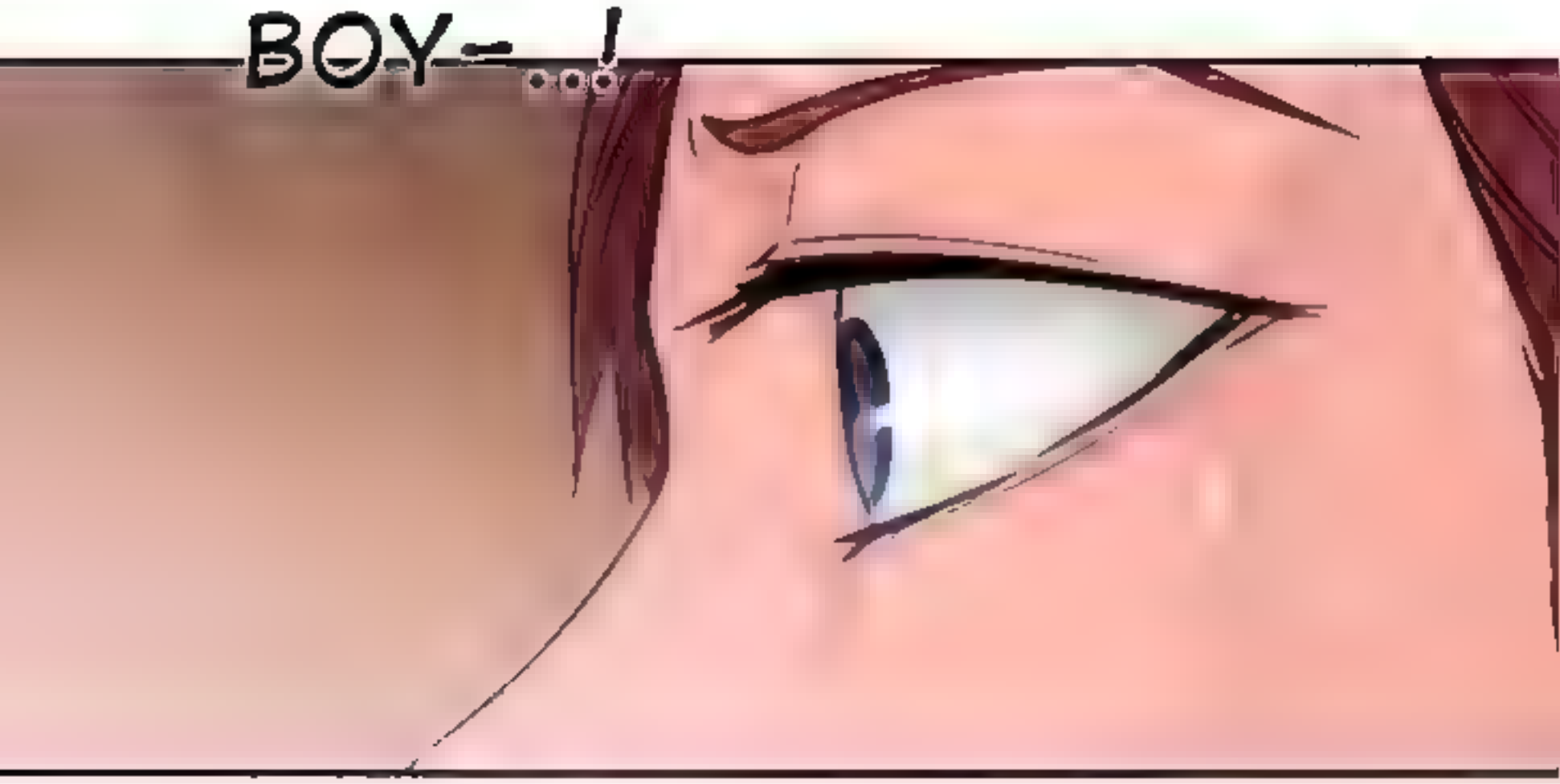


ENOUGH!!

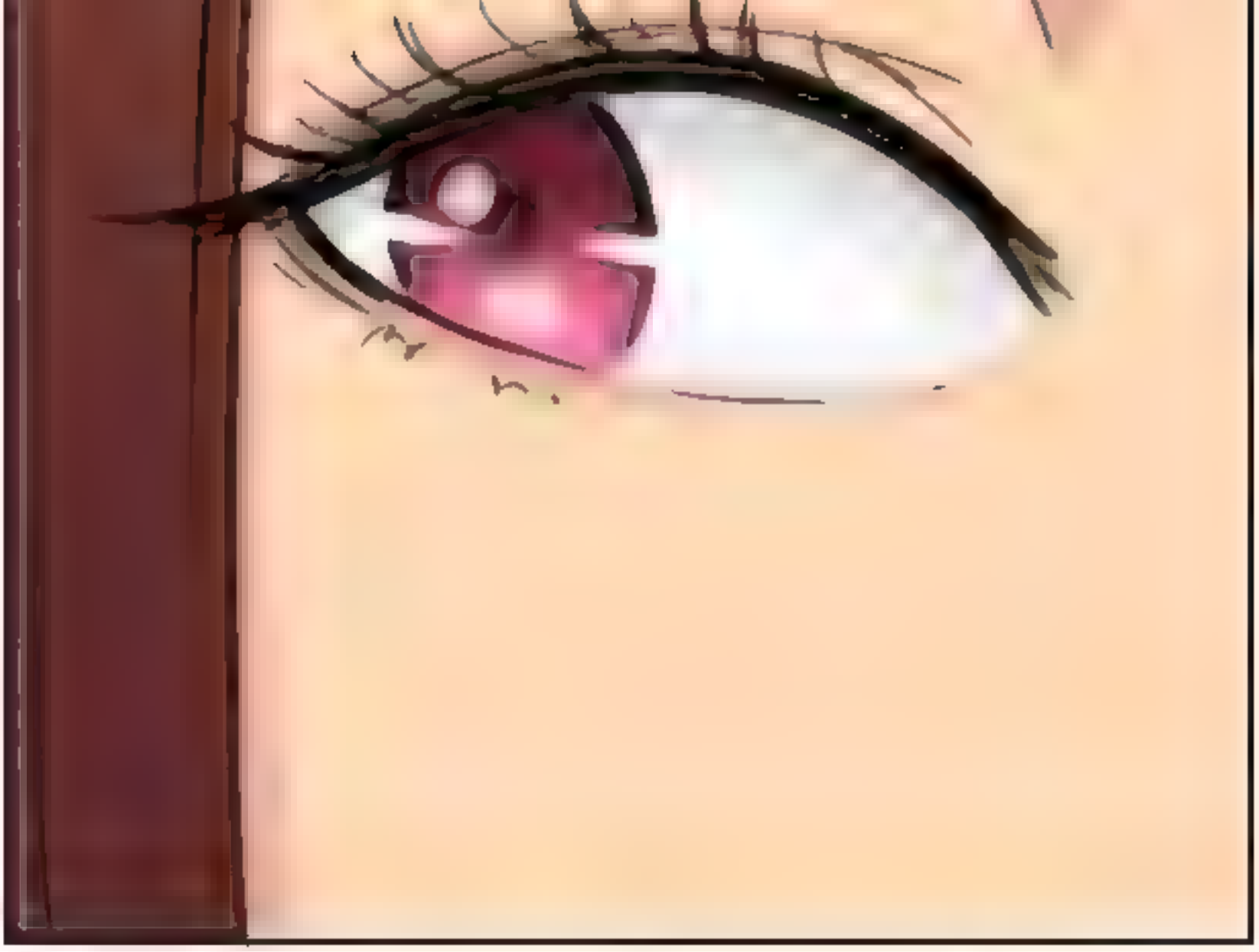
LEAVE US ALONE!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING
HERE ANYWAY!?
WHY DO YOU
EVEN CARE!?

ARE YOU SERIOUS!?
YOU BELIEVE
THAT GUY!?

OF COURSE I DO!
HE IS MY
BOYFRIEND!


BOY-...!

BOYFRIEND!?



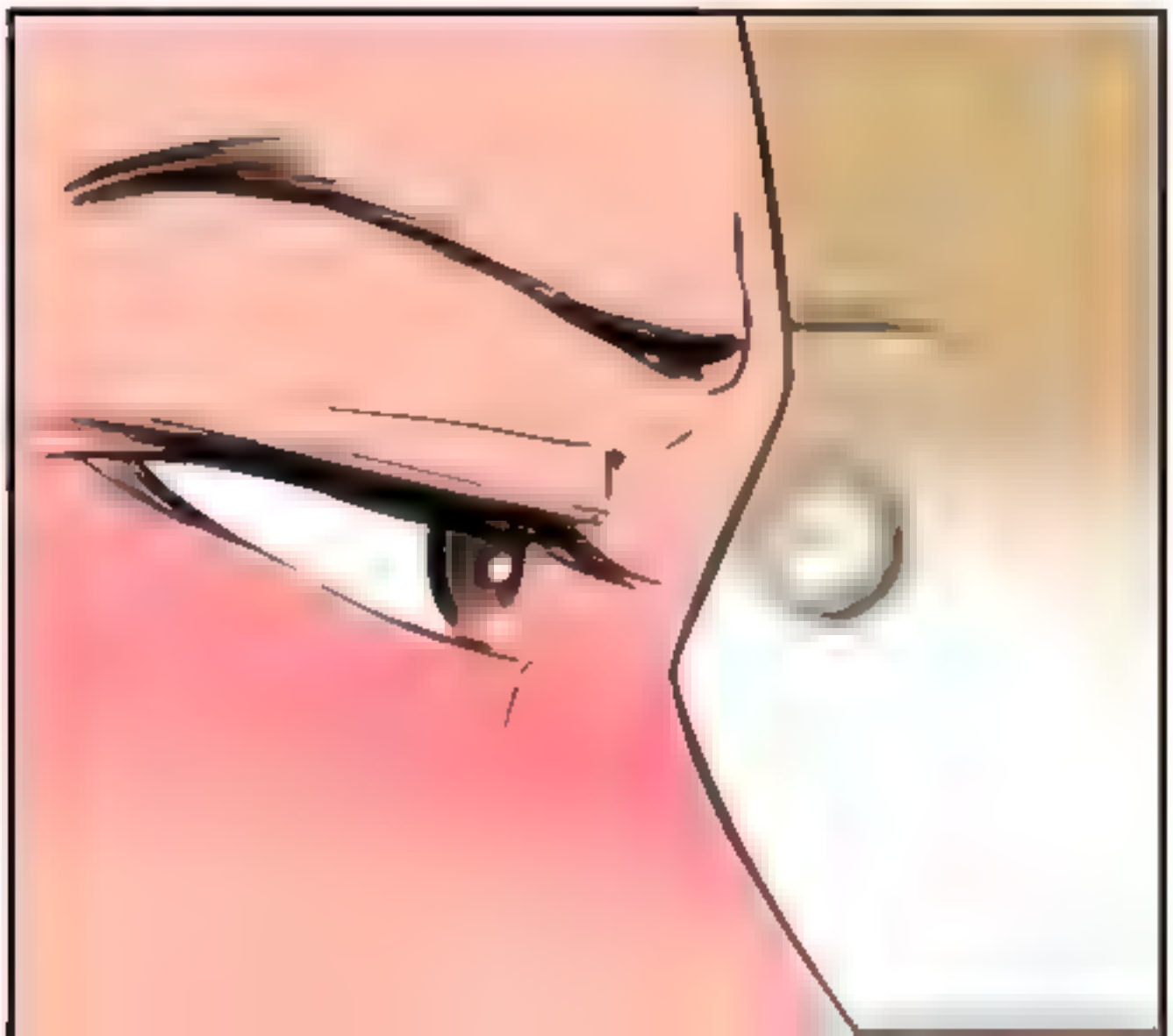
I'M SORRY MANAGER KIM..

ARE YOU REALLY THAT INTERESTED ABOUT OUR PLANS FOR TONIGHT?
I MIGHT AS WELL TELL YOU SINCE YOU CAME ALL THE WAY HERE.

WE'RE CHECKING IN
A HOTEL AFTER
OUR DINNER
SO PLEASE EXCUSE US.

BABE LET'S GO.

SHE'S PURPOSELY MAKING MISLEADING SITUATION HERE.

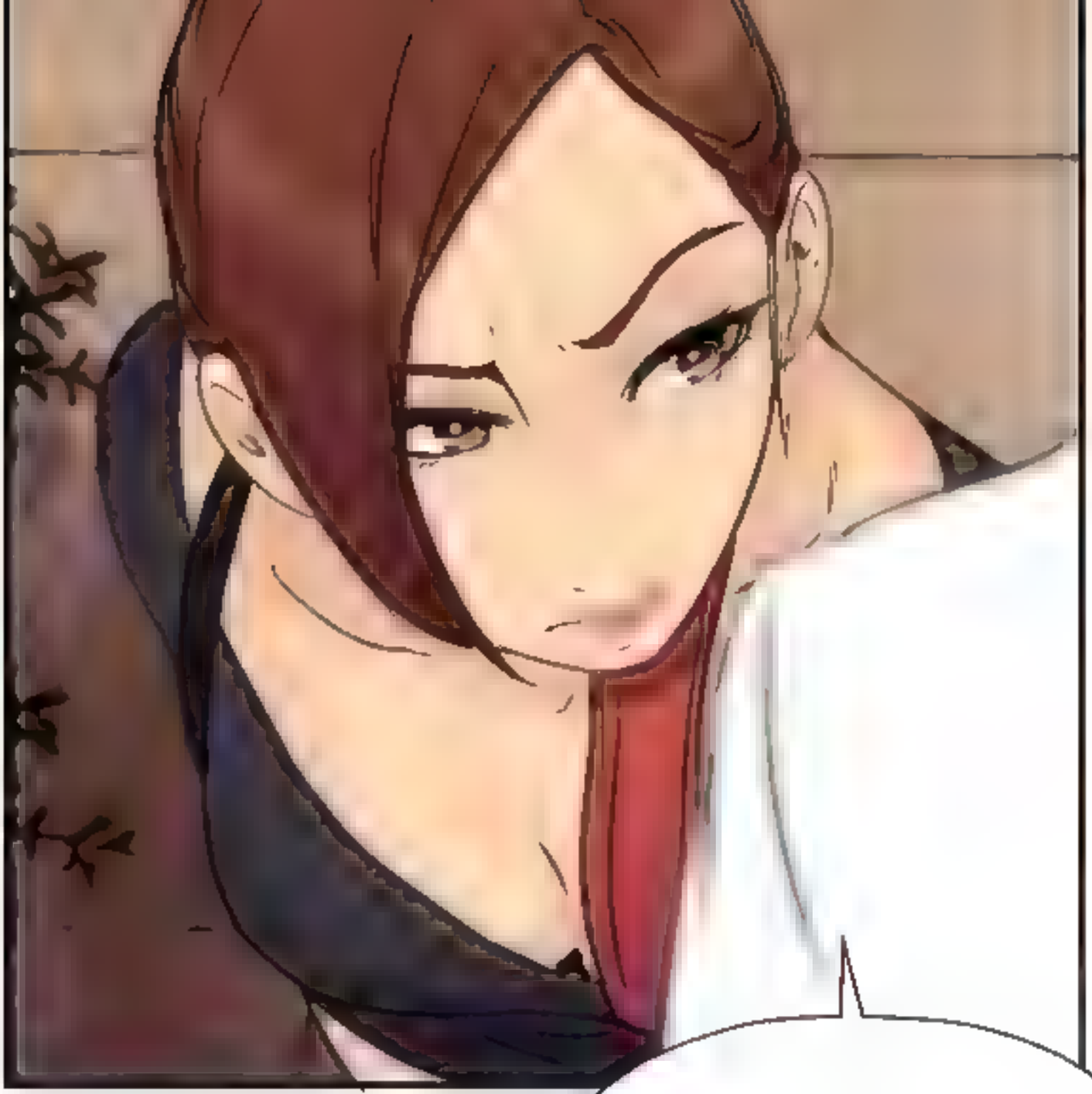


I NEVER IMAGINED I'LL BE USED LIKE THIS.

OH.
I ALMOST FORGOT.

ABOUT
YOU AND MY COUSIN.

YOU TWO
DISGUST ME.
I DON'T KNOW
WHY YOU DID THAT
BUT CAN YOU PLEASE
DO ME A FAVOR?


DON'T EVER APPEAR IN FRONT OF ME AGAIN. SEEING YOU MAKES ME PUKE!

SEEING YOU MAKES ME FEEL

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HIHI..

HIHI..

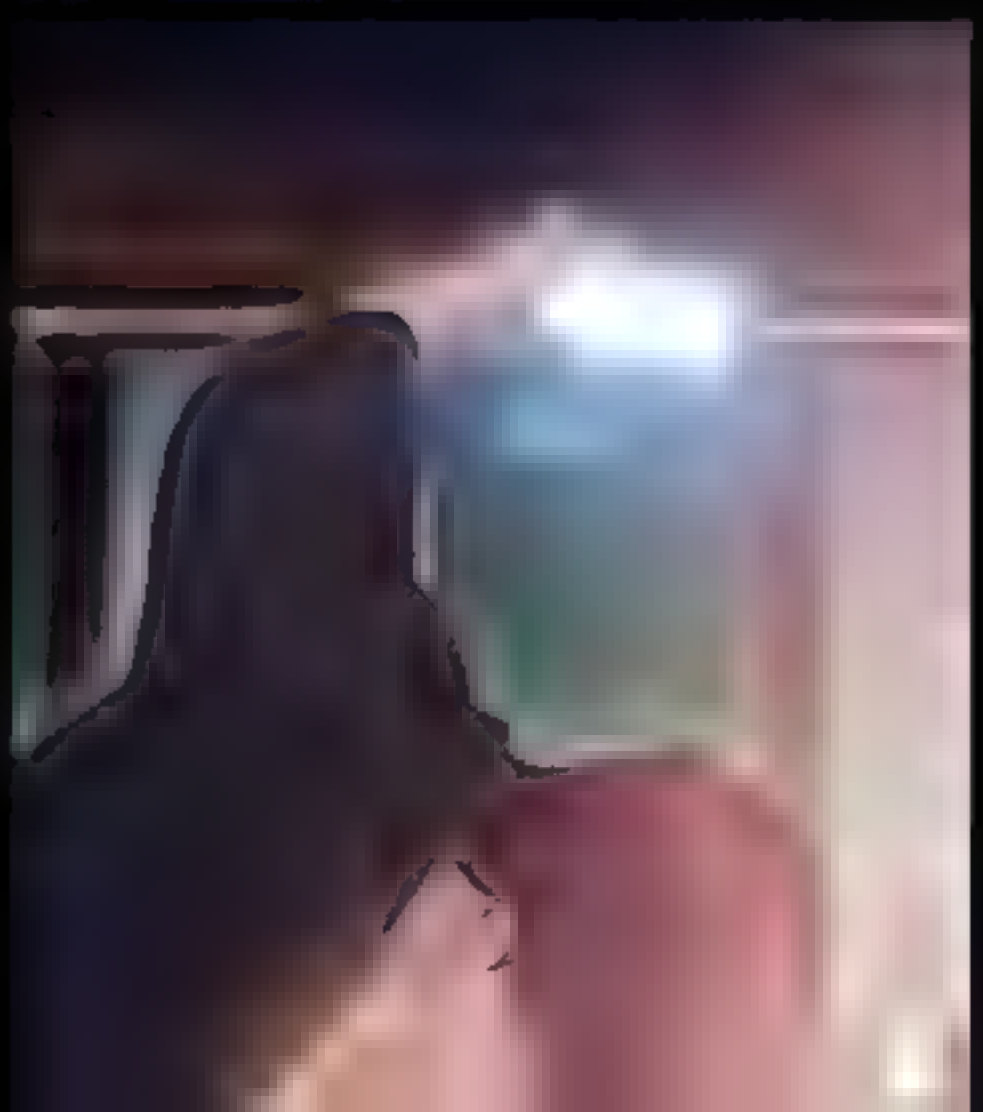
WHAT DID I TELL YOU?

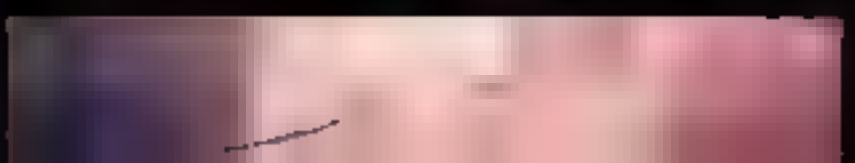
HIHI..

HIHI..

GETTING ALONG WITH THE PEOPLE WHO CAUSED YOUR PARENT'S DEATH IS SUICIDE.

YOU THINK SHE COULD UNDERSTAND YOUR PAIN?



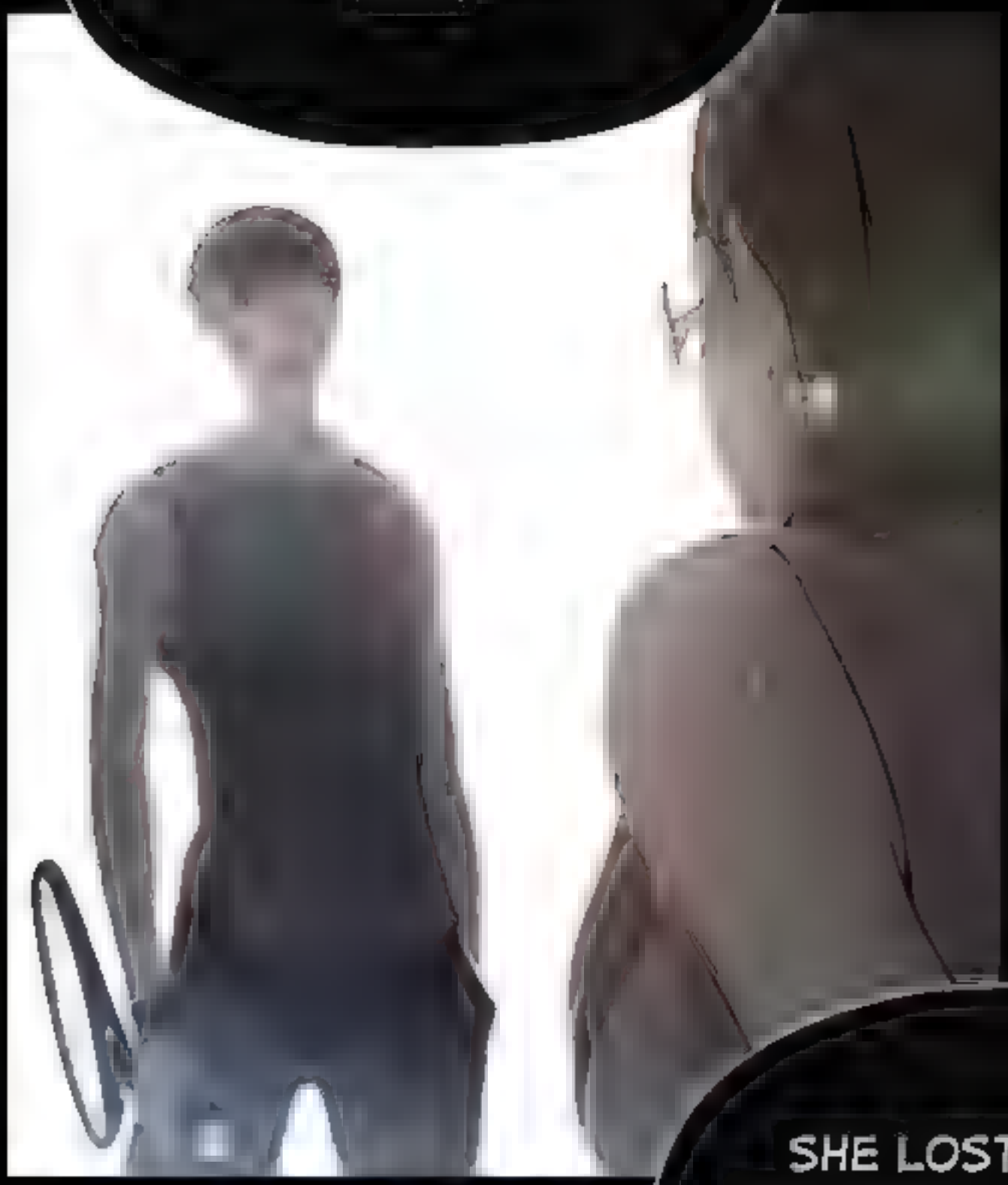


SHE WILL NEVER ACCEPT WHO YOU ARE.

YOU ARE DESTINED TO BE ALONE UNTIL YOU DIE, AXEL.

THE SHIMIZU'S PLACED YOU INTO THIS MISERY.

DO YOU STILL REMEMBER THE DEAL YOU HAD WITH HER?



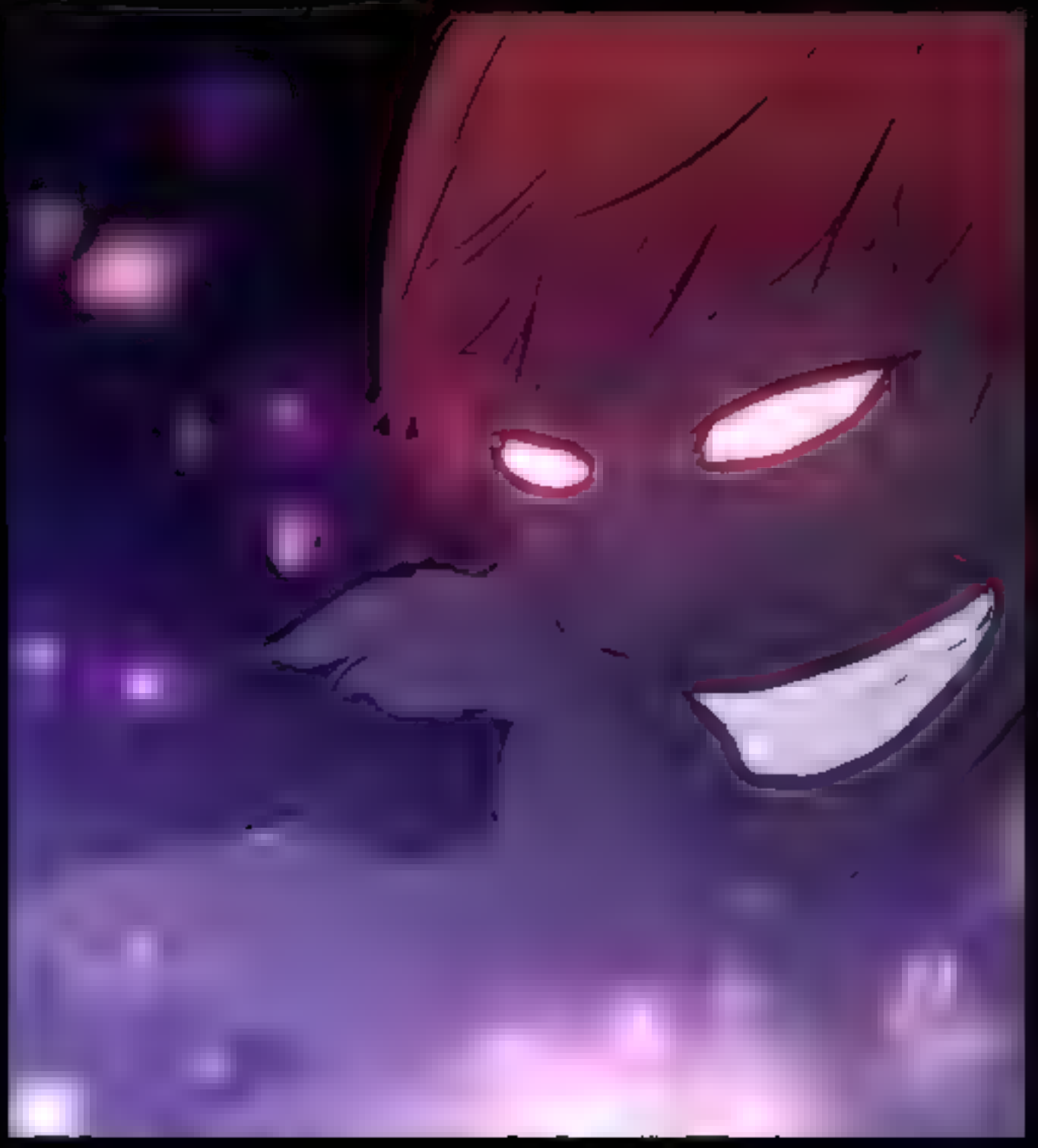
SHE LOST. YET. YOU BELIEVED PLAYING WITH HER COULD SAVE YOU FROM YOUR MADNESS.

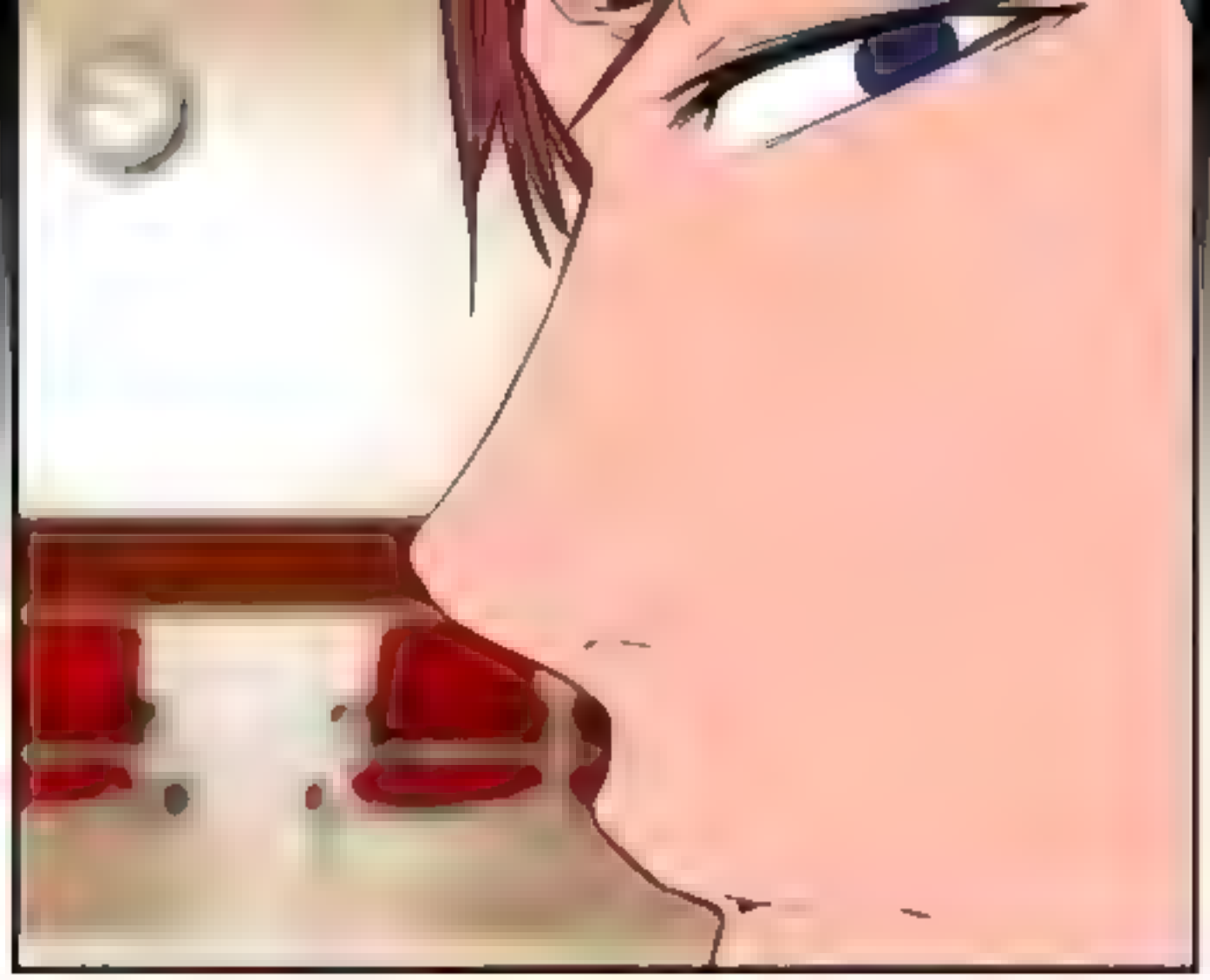
WHAT HAPPENED?

NOW SHE DOESN'T EVEN WANT TO SEE YOU!

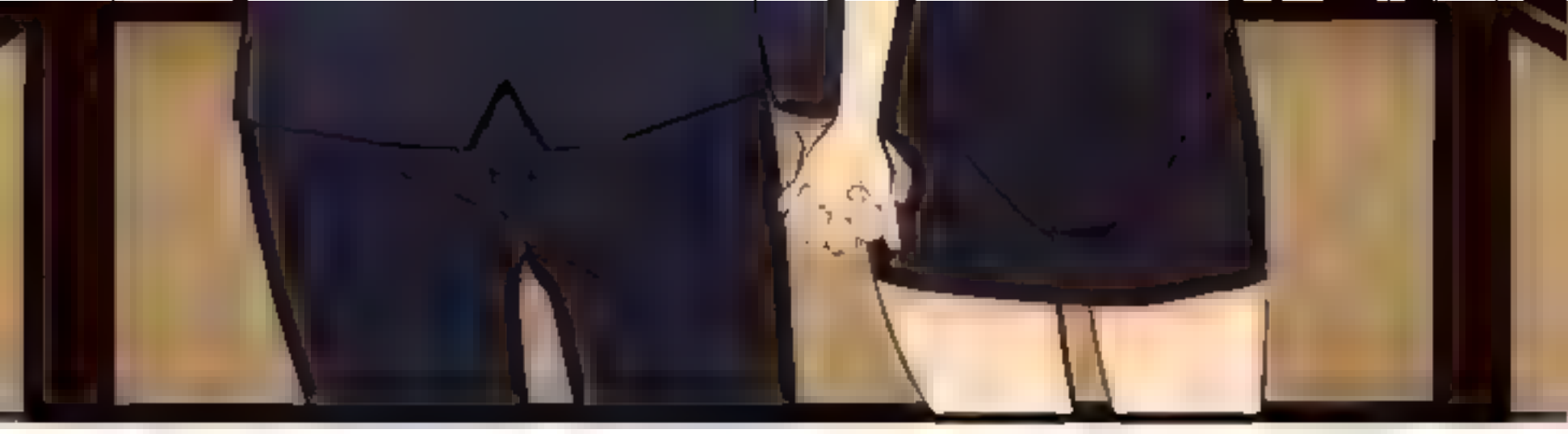
USE THAT DEAL AGAINST HER.

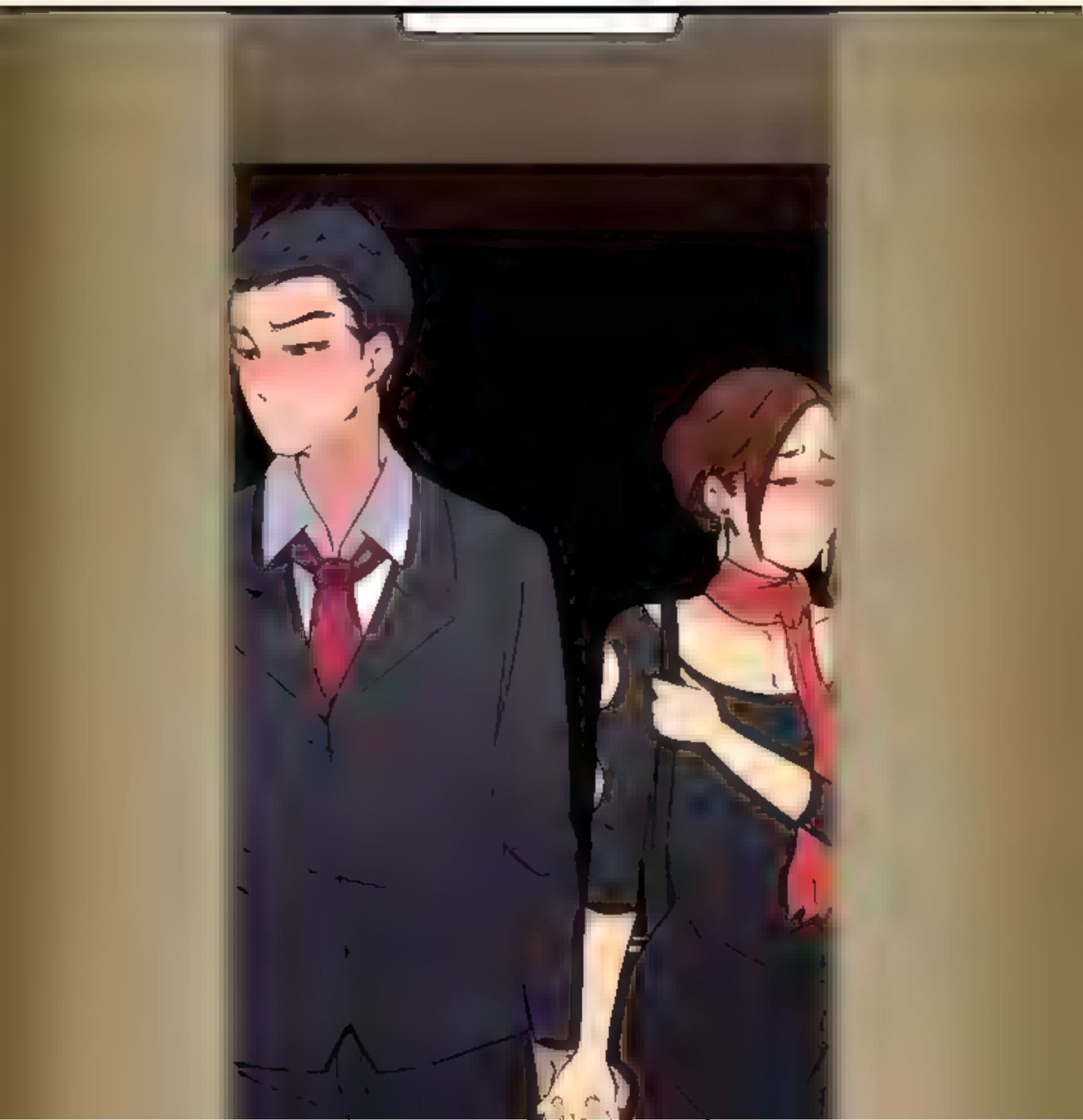
SHE'S A WOMAN WITH A WORD AFTERALL.

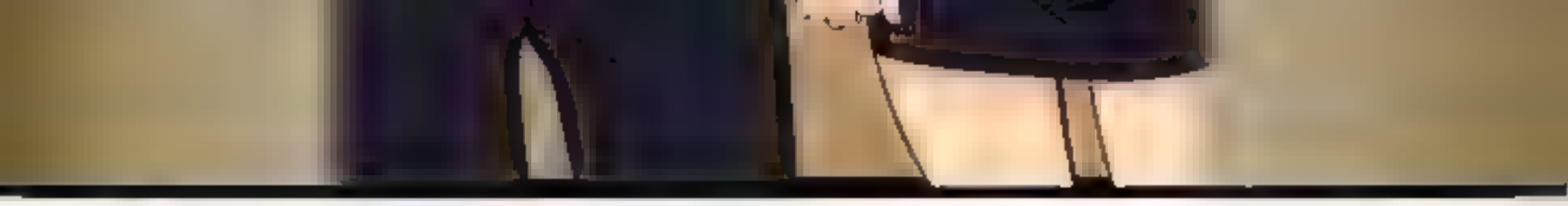




PULL HER DOWN ALONG WITH YOU!



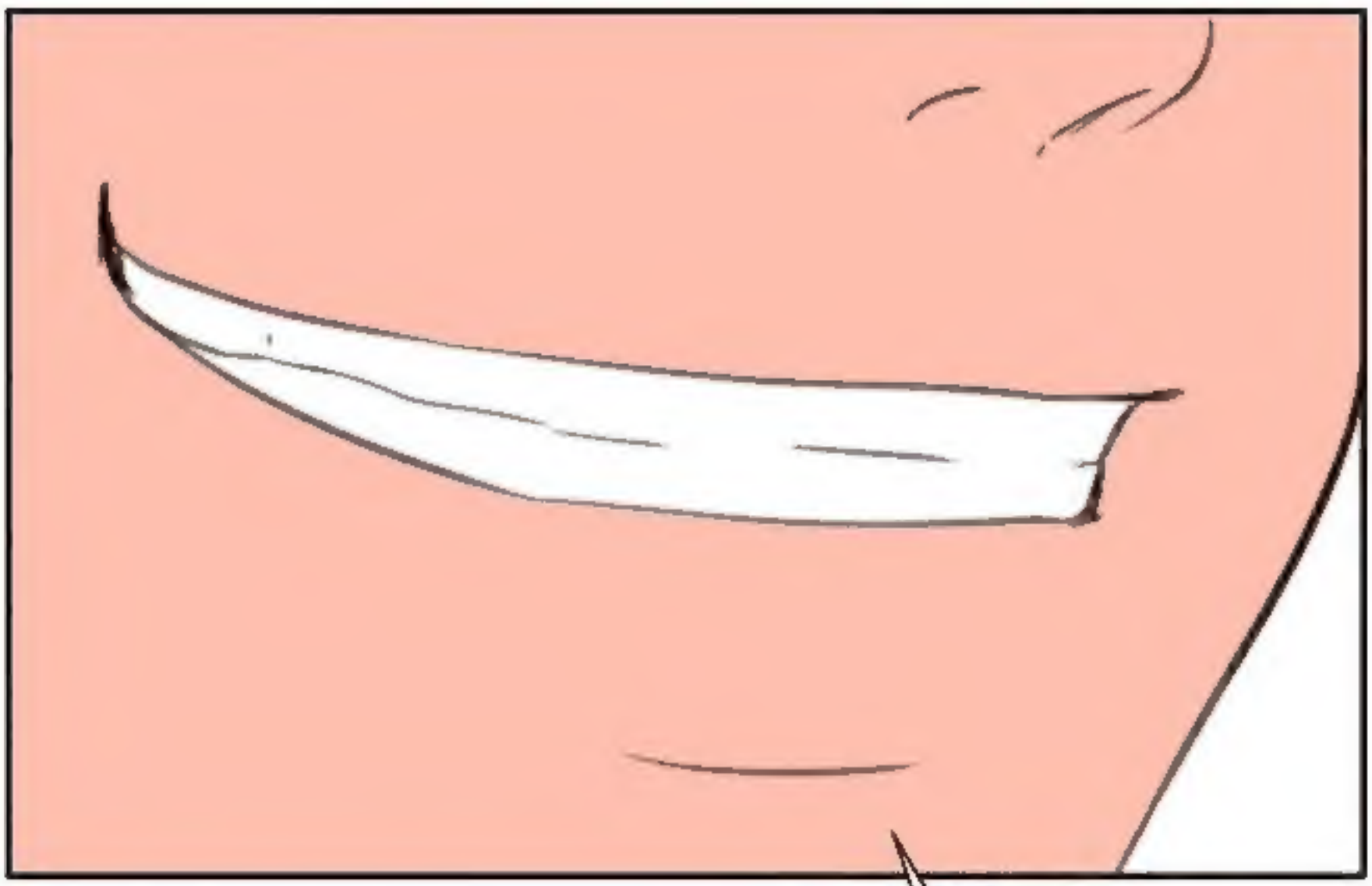




NO.
YOU'RE NOT
GOING ANYWHERE.

WE HAD A DEAL, RIGHT?
AND YOU LOST.
I CAME HERE TO TELL YOU

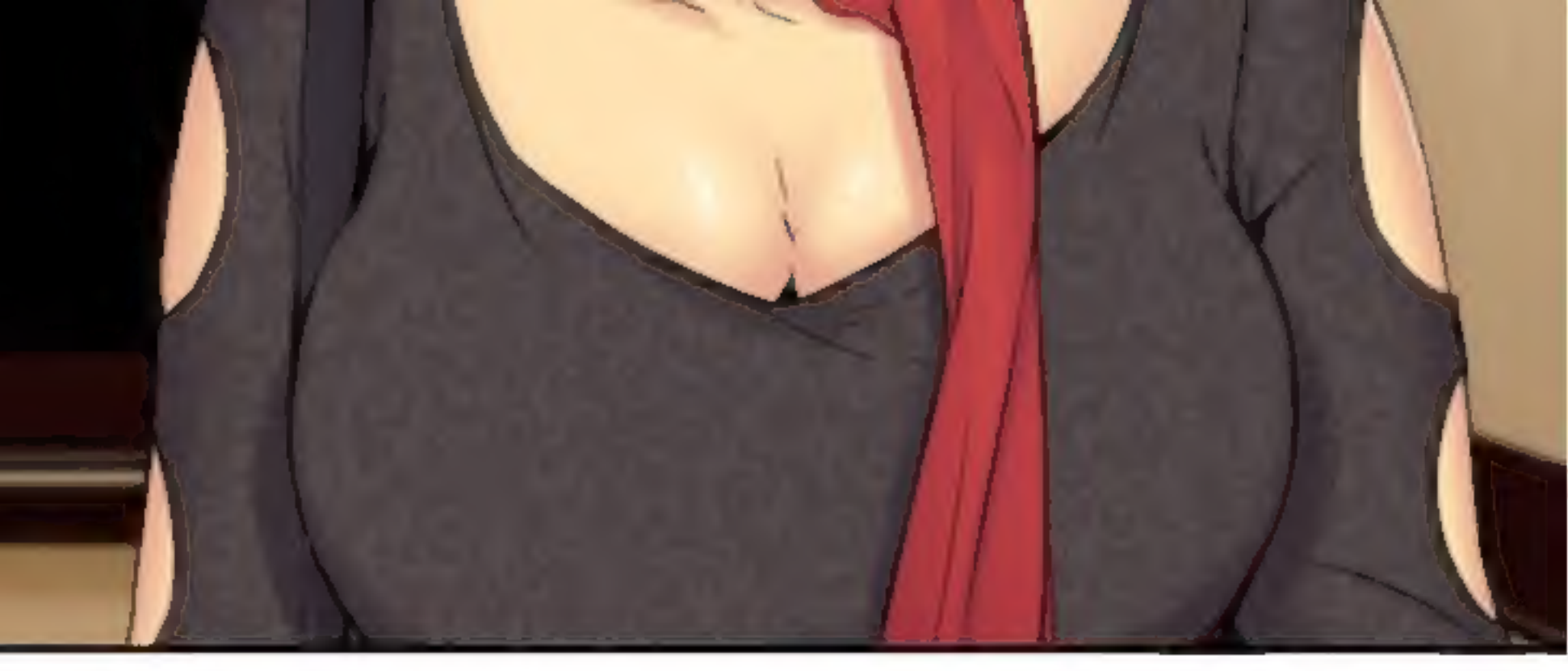
I CHANGED MY MIND.
I AM REVOKING THE REMATCH.



YOU WILL CANCEL YOUR PLANS...

BECAUSE TONIGHT..

..YOU WILL
STRIP FOR ME.



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